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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 596
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. William J. Darby III
upon the occasion of his retirement from the
Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those estimable citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with the utmost integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William J. Darby III is most assuredly one such venerable citizen who is richly deserving of this body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Darby meritoriously served the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for thirty-two years and retired from his position as Assistant Director of the Forensic Services Division on December 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Bill Darby began his admirable career with the State of Tennessee, in 1969, as part of the three-member staff of the State Toxicology and Drug Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, he opened TBI's first forensic laboratory on Lebanon Road in Donelson in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, as the Assistant Director of the Forensic Service Division, William J. Darby III demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, during his years of steadfast service in the Forensic Services Division, the TBI expanded its forensic operations in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Jackson, and Memphis, and implemented the disciplines of Serology/DNA, Firearms Identification, Microanalysis, Latent Print Identification, and Breath Alcohol in its forensic laboratories; and

WHEREAS, one of the founding members of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD), Mr. Darby led the TBI Forensic Services Division to International Accreditation by the ASCLD in 1994; and

WHEREAS, he is a charter member of the Southern Association of Forensic Scientists; and

WHEREAS, William J. Darby III exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Darby is a devoted husband to his wife, Rebecca Rutherford Darby, a loving father to his three children, William Jefferson Darby IV, Julie Darby Payne, and Jill Anne Darby, and his four grandchildren, Christopher Shelton Payne, Alex Thomas Payne, Scarlett McKenzie Darby, and Camille Cameron Darby; and

WHEREAS, Bill Darby is a man of great character and integrity, and under his astute leadership the Forensic Services Division of TBI has held fast to the laws of science and logic, as it has progressed from a small laboratory into a comprehensive system of forensic facilities that stretch throughout this great state; and

WHEREAS, he served the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the good people of Tennessee with distinction, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. William J. Darby III for his honorable service as Assistant Director for the Forensic Services Division of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, commend him on thirty-two years of professional excellence, and applaud his commitment to his family and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.